

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SHELTON C. JONES,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants,  
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**ORDER OVERRULING  
OBJECTION**

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., District Judge:

On January 21, 2015, Magistrate Judge Debra C. Freeman issued an order granting in part and denying in part the motions for discovery-related sanctions filed by *pro se* Plaintiff Shelton C. Jones on July 28, 2014<sup>1</sup> and October 29, 2014<sup>2</sup>, respectively. (EFC No. 75.) Plaintiff timely objected under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a). (ECF No. 82.) According to Rule 72(a), when a magistrate judge rules on a “pretrial matter not dispositive of a party’s claim or defense .... the district judge in the case must consider timely objections and modify or set aside any part of the order that is clearly erroneous or is contrary to law.” *Id.* “Matters concerning discovery generally are considered ‘nondispositive’ of the litigation.” *Thomas E. Hoar, Inc. v. Sara Lee Corp.*, 900 F.2d 522, 525 (2d Cir. 1990). Moreover, the prayed-for relief in this instance is not of the kind that is “case-dispositive,” which would trigger *de novo* review. *Id.* The Court finds that Magistrate Judge Freeman’s opinion is not clearly erroneous or contrary to law, and for the reasons stated in that opinion, Plaintiff’s objection is overruled.

<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 51.

<sup>2</sup> ECF No. 62.

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**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated:**        **New York, New York**  
                 **March 2, 2015**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew L. Carter, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**ANDREW L. CARTER, JR.**  
**United States District Judge**